

a sense of accomplishment and self-worth for having used their knowledge and skills.

In our youth marksmanship programs and youth hunting programs they learn values other than how to shoot safely and accurately. They learn concentration, commitment, sportsmanship, self-reliance, teamwork, citizenship, and conservation of our natural resources—values that are just as important as skills.

I am a mother and a grandmother and I know that when NRA reaches out and takes the hand of a child we are touching America's future.

I know that when you love a child and give your time and patience to teaching values, patriotism, and skills, you are investing in the future.

I know that when you win the heart of a child and enrich his or her life with knowledge, you are building a solid foundation for the next generation.

I know that within the body of this nation, the hearts of many children long for someone to reach out to them with kindness, knowledge and guidance.

The NRA is committed to expanding our programs, to reaching out to more children and to investing in the future by helping to instill values and to build character in the youngsters we touch throughout America.

Today, you have honored the National Rifle Association of America for its Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program and I am privileged to be here to accept your award.

And I am proud to tell you that this program has now been taught to over 7 million youngsters—7 million youngsters whom we hope will be the safest generation our nation has ever seen.

On behalf of the NRA, I thank you sincerely for this honor, and I promise you that I am committed to doing everything that I can to help the NRA continue its mission of teaching America's youth the fundamentals of what made our nation great.

If we all work together to fulfill our duty to our country and to the dedicated men and women who have given so much to keep us free, our children and our grandchildren and generations to follow them will learn to love their freedom, their country, their flag, their Constitution and themselves.

Thank you—each and every one of you—for the sacrifices you have made for our country. God bless you all, and God bless America.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL REGULSKI

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the most important public servants are those who are closest to the people they serve, and I am proud to say that one of the finest, Michael Regulski, is a constituent. He has served as the finance officer for Bay County for nearly 16 years, and has consistently been responsible for Bay County winning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for each year since 1989. This award is issued to only about the top 2 percent of units of government in the United States and Canada.

His excellent work on behalf of Bay County has now earned him well-deserved personal recognition from the Michigan Association of Counties at its 97th annual summer con-

ference last month. The award, according to the association, is given to one county employee each year from outstanding service and innovative contributions to county government.

Michael Regulski was nominated for this award by his colleagues in Bay County government. Having worked as the finance officer since 1989 and as a senior accountant in the finance department since 1979, his colleagues learned to recognize and appreciate his attention to detail and accuracy. Revisions in payroll systems, budget development, and asset accounting are among his accomplishments. The improvement in the county's credit rating in 1992 speaks volumes about the true magnitude of accomplishment that his care has helped define.

I am sure that his wife Diane, and his children, Andrew and Brad, are tremendously proud of him. I know that the people of Bay County appreciate his hard work, as well as his commitment to his community, evidenced by his involvement in St. James Catholic Church, his participation in school activities, and the Pony League and Little League associations. He has set an excellent example for all of us with his efforts both on the job and off the job.

Mr. Speaker, jobs well done deserve to be commended. For his years of dedication and excellence, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Regulski on his award, and thank him for his outstanding work.

SALUTING THE CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES—25TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute an organization in my congressional district which is celebrating an important anniversary. On September 30, 1995, members of the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, Inc., will gather at the Sheraton-Cleveland City Center Hotel in Cleveland, to host its 25th anniversary ball. Since its founding, the Council of Black Nurses has been a catalyst in promoting health delivery in the black community. As a health advocate, I enjoy a close working relationship with the Council of Black Nurses. It is for this reason that I rise to salute the organization on the occasion of its anniversary. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some important information regarding the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses.

The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses was organized in January, 1972. Its birth followed the formation the National Black Nurses Association, also in Cleveland, and other black nursing organizations throughout the country. The Council adopted several important missions. This included providing a vehicle for the unification of black nurses; and investigating, defining, determining, and implementing change in the health delivery system for minorities in Cleveland. To achieve its objectives, the organization formed standing committees, including the Committee on Health Education and Community Service; Research; and Recruitment and Retention, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, over the years, the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses has been a driving force in the health care arena. The organization has provided educational programs for nurses and the general public, and coordinated health-related community service activities. The organization has sponsored town hall meetings, health workshops, and screenings. These events have focused on diabetes education, cancer awareness, glaucoma and cardiovascular screenings, and other health issues which impact the black community. From a historical perspective, it is interesting to note that the blood pressure screening tests which are now conducted on citizens around the country, were first utilized in Cleveland by the Council of Nurses.

The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses has also played a leading role in the education field, providing scholarships, tutoring, and mentoring for students enrolled in nursing programs. The organization was the recipient of the 1994 Community Service Award for its extensive service to the Cleveland community.

Mr. Speaker, as I rise to salute the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, I recall that, 25 years ago, when black nurses gathered in Cleveland to form an advocacy organization to promote health delivery in the black community, I was chosen to address the gathering. Today, I want to recognize the founder of the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, Mattiedna Johnson, a dynamic and national known individual who has devoted her life to greater health awareness and research. I also salute the organization's current president, Rachel Freeman, and the many members of the Council of Black Nurses. I am proud of my close association with this distinguished organization, and I extend my best wishes as the Council of Black Nurses marks this important anniversary.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH PARK

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I call to the attention of this Congress and the Nation a celebration which will mark the 150th anniversary of a community in the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. On October 15, the township of South Park commemorates a milestone for its citizens, for fellow Pennsylvanians, and the entire Nation.

The township, once a bustling center of coal production in the United States, was not known as South Park prior to 1845. It now includes areas of Library, Broughton, and Snowden, PA. The community itself dates back to 1773. It began as many other communities in America began, as a family settlement which grew as neighbors built their homes nearby. It was the initial site of the historic Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, when citizens protested taxation of locally produced whiskey by the Federal Government.

It is important to remember the times which shaped the economy, the political philosophy, the society, and landscape of this region in western Pennsylvania. The American Revolution, the formation of the U.S. Government, the industrial revolution, particularly the boom